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January 2025 Newsletter

President's Corner

Dear Members and Friends of AHEA,

Happy New Year and welcome to an exciting and productive 2025! I'm thrilled to announce that we have appointed a new Editor in Chief for our journal. Please join me in welcoming **Anna Fenyvesi** to this important role. We are confident that she will bring fresh ideas and leadership to further elevate our publication. A special thanks to the search committee members — your contributions are deeply appreciated.

We're also excited to share that [our conference website](#) is now live with more details, including open applications for grants and scholarships. I encourage you to [explore the site](#) and take advantage of these fantastic opportunities. If you are interested in hosting AHEA 2026, please email me directly: hl4@stmarys-ca.edu

Lastly, a quick reminder to [renew your membership dues if you haven't already](#). Your continued support ensures the success of our organization, and it will allow you to vote in this year's elections.

Here's to a year full of growth, collaboration, and success!

Warm regards,

Helga Lenart-Cheng
President, AHEA

AHEA Announces the New Editor in Chief of *Hungarian Cultural Studies*



Anna Fenyvesi, PhD, Dr. Habil. associate professor of English linguistics and director of the Institute of English and American Studies at the University of Szeged, Hungary, has been named editor-in-chief of *Hungarian Cultural Studies*.

Member Spotlight

AHEA is a scholarly organization connecting a diverse set of educators, researchers, professionals, independent scholars and academics who come from many walks of life. Each month we highlight the academic and professional career of a different AHEA member.



This month's featured member is **Éva Lovra**, University of Debrecen

Please tell us a little bit about your career arc, especially what led to you presenting on the University of Pittsburgh Nationality Rooms at the 2024 AHEA Conference.

I have been a university lecturer at the University of Debrecen since 2018, and I still work here. I conduct research and teach primarily on topics related to cities and urban morphology. In the spring semester of 2023, I was a visiting professor at the University of Pittsburgh as a Fulbright Scholar. My course was titled "Comparative Urban and Architectural Heritage in Central Europe," and it took place in the Cathedral of Learning. As part of the Fulbright scholarship, I also conducted research, and Kati R. Csoman, director of the Nationality Rooms & Intercultural Exchange Programs, asked me to give a presentation in April 2023 ("[From Interior Design to National Identity: Insights from the Yugoslav, Hungarian, and Austrian Rooms](#)"), so I spent quite a time in the University of Pittsburgh archives. This presentation served as the catalyst for my further research. The wealth of material and new insights uncovered during my research allowed me to present novel perspectives on the ideological, architectural, and interior design underpinnings of the heritage rooms at the 2024 AHEA conference.

How did you find out about AHEA, and what brought you to join?

The Hungarian Fulbright program considers it very important that Fulbright scholars maintain active connections with the American-Hungarian academic community. AHEA is an organization that unites American-Hungarian educators, a community of those who have been connected to the United States at some point in their careers. I was particularly drawn to AHEA because of its focus on fostering connections between American and Hungarian scholars and its commitment to promoting intercultural understanding. I was unable to attend the 2023 conference, so I was eager to present my work (my research and the monograph completed during my Fulbright scholarship) in 2024. The conference brought me closer to the AHEA community, of which I am a member.

What impact has your involvement with AHEA made on your career and/or your work?

My studies, research, and teaching work are broad, ranging from engineering to the humanities to the arts. In the AHEA community, I found these intersections, and by participating in the conference, I received feedback on my work. In 2024, I was the recipient of the AHEA Research Presentation Award, which was a great honor.

In addition to other research and work, I am currently working on two scholarship-funded research projects. The Hungarian Academy of Sciences has supported my research titled "Green Spaces in the Cities of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy: Their Development and Impact on Contemporary Cities." My primary research area is the cities of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, and I have [already published a monograph on this topic](#), and the new research is an extension of it. The other scholarship-funded research is supported by the Hungarian Academy of Arts, the research period lasts until 2027, and I am examining the century-long Hungarian architectural identity in Vojvodina (Serbia). The research focuses on Vojvodina Hungarian (related) architecture, architects, and the built environment, and the result will be a monograph and a traveling exhibition by 2027.

Have a New or Upcoming Publication?

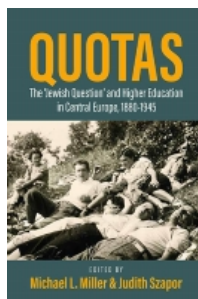
We would love to help share news of the impressive and diverse work that AHEA members are doing! If you have a recent book, article, or other scholarly/artistic work you would like your fellow members to know about, send a brief description/promotional blurb and a link to further information to ahenews@gmail.com. Requests will appear in the order in which they were received and may be edited for space.

TOMORROW! Online Book Launch: Judith Szapor, McGill University

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The Hungarian Studies Association of Canada and the Central and Eastern European Studies Research Group at the University of Ottawa invite you to a virtual book launch with

Prof. Judith Szapor (McGill University)
who will present her recent book
***Quotas: The "Jewish Question"
and Higher Education in Central Europe, 1880-1945***
(Berghahn Books, 2024, co-edited with Michael L. Miller)



The event will be moderated by Prof. Urszula Madej-Krupitski, McGill University.

Date and time: Wednesday, January 22, 6:00 pm Eastern / 12:00am CET
<https://lakeheadu.zoom.us/j/95537517890>

Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Program

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The new application round of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme is now open!

- Application deadline: **31 January 2025** (14:00 CET)
- Call for Applications: <https://diasporascholarship.hu/en/apply/call-for-application/>
- Website of the Programme: <https://diasporascholarship.hu/>
- Online application system: <https://apply.diasporascholarship.hu/>

Thank you for spreading the word about the new Call for Applications in your local diaspora community so that potential applicants and their families get to know about this opportunity.

- Promotional materials you can use for this (currently being updated, versions with the new dates will be uploaded in the coming days): <https://diasporascholarship.hu/hu/media/>

The new Call for Applications is for higher education studies in Hungary starting in the Academic Year 2025/26:

- undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programmes leading to a degree (years of training)
- 5-10 months exchange (partial study) programmes,
- other types of programmes, such as one-year Hungarian language preparatory courses.

Summer university courses (summer of 2025) are expected to be available for application again. Further information on this can be expected during the winter. We are happy to let you know that **the eligibility criteria are more flexible now**, compared with the previous application rounds, including:

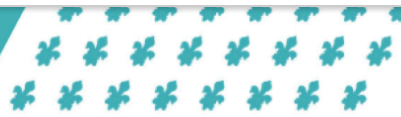
- 5 years spent abroad before applying is sufficient (instead of the previous 10 years),
- finishing secondary school abroad is sufficient (instead of the 4 years of study abroad previously required), and
- those who only turn 18 years old after August 2025 can apply, in line with the details specified in the Call.

Save the Date! As in previous years, online information events about the new Call will be organised this year as well. Dates planned:

- for applicants and their families: 10 December 2024 and 14 January 2025.
- for diaspora organisations and other partners: 21 November 2024.

We would like to thank you in advance for all your support throughout the new application round!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at diasporascholarship@tpf.hu.



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- Contribution to accommodation costs (upon request)



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